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Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 9:38 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: [Arizona Daily Sun] More cost-saving options for electric customers still untested

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Dear Commissioner Burns,

As a rooftop solar APS customer, I am very concerned about the rate increase APS is proposing. I attended the Flagstaff City Council meeting recently in an effort to understand the proposal. It was frustrating at best as the APS representative couldn't or wouldn't give a simple explanation that the average customer could understand, even when pressed by council members. I learned that you had offered to bring an ACC public hearing to Flagstaff so that citizens could make public comments. Thank you for this effort on behalf of the citizens of Flagstaff. I look forward to hearing when this meeting will take place.

This proposal appears to me to be an effort to discourage the growth of rooftop solar under the guise that solar customers do not pay their fair share of the grid. It fails to take into account the high environmental costs of solar farms which would be far more profitable for power companies. In other words, it boils down to who will control the development of solar energy. This is a trend everywhere so it seems that all the monopoly utilities are using the same rulebook with their demand charges, demand times, etc which seemed designed to punish the solar customer and discourage further customers. Battery technology will soon drive many customers off the grid at this rate. I think solar customers should pay for the grid with perhaps a so-designated fee as determined by a simple formula that spreads the cost among all consumers but APS is proposing a rate increase that so complicates things that it's impossible to know what the real costs are.

It's ironic that the Southwest is not in the forefront of solar power development instead of discouraging the smaller footprint but very powerfully potential of rooftop solar. When you fly into Phoenix, you see very few solar panels which is really an absolute travesty considering the number of sunny days. I believe Massachusetts does more to encourage the solar industry than Arizona. The potential for job growth in the solar industry is apparently not welcome nor encouraged by those with money and power. Everyone cries that we need more jobs but then rejects this potential. I have attached an editorial that appeared in the Daily Sun yesterday for your information. It asks many of the same questions that I have. Thank you for taking the time to bring a public hearing to Flagstaff.

Sincerely,
Ann Kramer

http://azdailysun.com/news/opinion/editorial/more-cost-saving-options-for-electric-customers-still-untested/article_c6401124-ea9e-55c3-bd9c-fd8fc72e0877.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

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